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**914th begins to
welcome home
the troops!**



Commanders Column

By: Col. Sanford Way
Vice Commander, 914 AW

Over the past month, over fifty of our reserve family members have returned to Niagara Falls from supporting operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and even our Homeland Defense. I would like to personally thank them for a job well done, and for the high standards they upheld while representing Niagara Falls so far away from home. Great Job!! We are all proud of you!

As we all know, we still have many of our Niagara reservists serving in Southwest Asia and in support of our Homeland Defense, so we still need to continue supporting them and their families while they are away. As of right now we do not have any scheduled return date for these members. Please keep me and Family Readiness informed on any issues with which you may need help throughout this deployment. A key component here is the "Key Family Member" program being coordinated by Mrs. Kim Farris and supported by Family Readiness, providing communications to mobilized reservists, and support to the reservist's families here in the Niagara and Western New York community.

This weekend is Father's Day, and with the close family ties being created, enhanced, and sometimes challenged by our unit being deployed, I hope we each will take some time to share a special thought, card, phone call and/or time with our families and dads on this special day. Call, write or take your dad out on this weekend.

Finally, as we move forward in support of defending our nation, we as reservists need to continue replenishing our ranks, and one major way of doing this is through the "GET ONE" Program. Through your contacts within the community, at work, and at college, we need all of you to help us recruit good people to work among us in the future. This program benefits the recruit and the reservist alike for participating. So fill out the Referral Form, and if you have any questions give our Air Force Reserve recruiters a call.



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Some deployed members of the 914th have recently begun returning home after serving overseas in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. We await the return of all our men and women who have answered the call to duty. Photos by TSgt. David Allen*

Flag Day is June 14

The idea of a Flag Day originated in 1885 and is credited to B.J. Cigard, a Wisconsin public school teacher who had arranged for his students to observe the 108th anniversary of the adoption of the American Flag as 'Flag Birthday.' The Continental Congress on June 14, 1777 proposed that the United States have a National Flag to replace the Union Jack. Historians credit Congressman Francis Hopkinson with the design and sewn by seamstress Betsy Ross. The American flag has changed shape, design, and arrangement more than any other flag in the world.

The original 13 colonies are represented by 13 alternating red and white stripes. The stars represent the 50 states of the union. The colors of the flag are symbolic; red symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.

Harry Truman signed an Act Of Congress designating June 14 as National Flag Day which encourages all Americans to display the flag outside their homes, business and from public buildings.

How To Display Flag

- Fly the flag only in the daytime, unless it is properly illuminated.
- In inclement weather – the flag should not be flown.
- Never let the flag touch anything beneath it.
- Raise the flag briskly; lower it ceremoniously.
- The flag should always be allowed to fall free.
- When displayed against a wall or window, the blue field should be uppermost and to the left of the observer.
- When the flag is raised or lowered as part of a ceremony, as it passes parade or review, everyone, except those in uniform, should face the flag with the right hand over the heart.

When To Display Flag

- Daily and on Holidays- weather permitting.
- Administrative buildings of all public institutions.



AF launches plan to recognize parents

By: 2nd Lt. Lance Patterson

Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – The Air Force announced a program May 5 for airmen to honor some of their biggest supporters – their parents.

The Air Force Parent Pin program encourages airmen to register on a secure Air Force website – www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com – where they can provide the names and addresses of up to two parents or parental figures.

A personalized letter to the parents from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper will accompany the lapel pins. The pins are about three-fourths inch square and feature a silver letter “P” cradled within the Air Force symbol.

“The program is designed to recognize people who have significantly influenced airmen’s lives,” said Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., vice commander of Air Force Reserve Command. “With Mother’s Day (May 11) and Father’s Day (June 15) coming up soon, the parent pin would make a unique gift this year.”

The pins are a contemporary adaptation of the World War II employer flags, which were used to recognize companies for contributions to the war effort. The pins are presented on display cards that explain their lineage.

The letters address recipients and airmen by name. They are intended to communicate to parents the importance of their children’s service to the ongoing war on terrorism, to express sincere gratitude for parents’ continued support, and to convey a sense of partnership between the Air Force and the parents of America’s airmen.

This massive effort comes on the heels of the Air Force’s highly successful employer pin program, which represented the first direct-mail outreach effort from the leaders of any of the armed services to employers across America.

Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard airmen voluntarily submitted contact information for more than 61,000 employers, each of whom received an employer pin and a personalized letter from the secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force chief of staff acknowledging them as partners in the war effort.

Air Force leaders have received hundreds of supportive letters and e-mails from employers and airmen because of this program, and today, tens of thousands of employers are wearing Air Force employer pins as pledges of support for the military service of their airmen.

Both the parent and employer pin campaigns are elements of the Air Force’s Your Guardians of Freedom program.

“We now have an entire generation of Americans who do not understand the military culture,” Roche said. “The parent pin can narrow the gulf between those who serve and the community at large. It opens the door for the parents of our airmen to explain to others what their children are doing for the Air Force and what the Air Force has done for their children.

“It is in the best interest of our nation to develop public understanding of the Air Force’s mission and objectives. The parents of our airmen might not always understand our mission, but they nonetheless are helping us meet our objectives through their continuing support of their sons and daughters – the men and women serving today and those who decide to serve in the future.” (AFRC News Service)



Command sets policy for making up missed training

WASHINGTON – Air Force reservists who have been mobilized or demobilized or who served on voluntary military personnel appropriation tours in support of a contingency since Oct. 1 will not be required to perform an annual tour between now and Sept. 30.

Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, commander of Air Force Reserve Command, approved a policy May 16 that exempts their annual tours and does not permit making up missed inactive duty for training days because of activation.

Unit reservists and individual mobilization augmentees, who return to reserve status and did not perform their annual tour, have until June 30 to request an

annual tour be scheduled if they want to perform it. Unit reservists make the request through their commander; IMAs go to their support organization. These reservists will receive “constructive credit” for missed inactive duty for training days.

Unit reservists on active-duty MPA or reserve personnel appropriation orders in support of contingency operations are considered constructively present and therefore ineligible to reschedule missed inactive duty for training days.

The situation varies for IMAs after demobilization. IMAs are allowed to begin performing four-hour IDTs again on a prorated basis. The number of IDTs they will be able to perform depends on when they are demobilized

and the number of IDTs they normally perform during a year. For example, if an IMA usually does 24 IDTs during a year and is demobilized June 15, he or she would perform six IDTs between July and September. Although June 15 makes a partial month, it is considered a full month of service for the purpose of prorating.

Command officials in Washington, D.C., said the participation policy for the fiscal year of Oct. 1, 2002, to Sept. 30, 2003, is designed to use available funds efficiently and to ensure people receive credit for time they served on active duty. (AFRC News Service)

Chuck Nagel Wins Foley Award

By: TSgt. David Allen
914th Public Affairs

When the 914th Airlift Wing began preparing for war earlier this year, one of the top concerns was protecting troops against the possible use of chemical weapons the Iraqi government was suspected to have.

When widespread call-ups began in March, the wing's well-prepared training schedule went out the window. Wing Disaster Preparedness Officer Charles Nagel, led the seven civilian and reserve members of the Readiness Office in the weeks preceding deployments, with everyone working overtime to train, brief, and suit up hundreds upon hundreds of reservists.

Twelve- and 14-hour days were common. At one stretch, Nagel stayed in the office for 21 straight hours.

"The pace was incredible," said Nagel. "We briefed more than 650 people, checked currency of each individual's NBC training, and provided each member an opportunity to be resized for the new J-LIST protective overgarment. We coordinated with the Base Supply Mobility Section often, to ensure mobility bags were built up properly. NBC Training requirements for most were current, however all personnel required a C-CW CONOPS Briefing and NBC Refresher was provided for many personnel preparing to deploy with emphasis on those folks that were close to due in the next 12 months or soon-to-be overdue training requirements. For most, members are always ready to deploy, NBC related training and equipment preparation is maintained current."



Photo By: TSgt. David Allen

Disaster Preparedness Officer Charles Nagel double-checks the chemical defense gear on an office display.

Nagel's dedication for preparation was rewarded last month, when he received the annual John E. Foley Award for Western New York's professional/administrative/technical employee of the year (GS-10 and above).

The award is a career highlight for Nagel, who has been with the readiness office since 1987, and here with the 914th since 1976.

The Foley is not Nagel's first award. He earned a Notable Achievement Award in 2002, for coordinating the training of 714 personnel in NBC Refresher, and more than 900 in "Block Training" during the four-day September 2002 UTA. He earned Annual Performance Awards each year from 1995 until 2002, and in 1992 he was named USAF Disaster Preparedness Officer of the Year.

As chief of the readiness office, Nagel works a wide variety of duties. He not only provides a central control point within the wing for readiness, including the full spectrum of threat response, such as weapons of mass destruction, disaster preparedness, and hazardous materials planning, training, and operations. He also conducts analyses of current program operations and plans and programs new operations concepts.

Nagel's nomination packet describes him as "a hard-working, knowledgeable, always willing to assume extra duties and learn new ways to improve his performance on the job, and is held in very high esteem by all the members of the 914th Airlift Wing, military and civilian, as well as the Air Force Reserve Command for his commitment to his job, the base, and the community."

Nagel recognizes the importance of his job, particularly the need for all wing members to have proper chemical defense training and equipment.

"Our job is very important, because we're providing information and training to the personnel to protect themselves and to protect others. Information that is ultimately going to save their lives," he said. "Currently, everyone is deployable. Do they have the right size equipment? Is the equipment going to work for them? Did we train them just right?"

Nagel, who lives in Hamburg, is married, has two grown daughters, and four grandchildren. He is an active member of the Hamburg Volunteer Fire Department.



Summer Time Fire Safety Tips

Propane Cylinder Overfilling Prevention Devices (OPD)

As of April 1, 2002, OPDs are required on all Propane cylinders between 4 and 40 pounds capacity IAW NFPA 58, *Petroleum Gas Code*. A typical gas grill cylinder holds about 20 pounds of Propane. The OPD device is designed to shutoff the flow of gas to the cylinder when 80% capacity has been reached averting a fire or possible injury. Propane cylinders with OPDs can be identified by a triangular hand-wheel. Some earlier model cylinders were produced with a round hand-wheel with "OPD" stamped on the brass valve body. Dispose of Propane cylinders safely. Questions about safe disposal can be directed to the 914th Fire Department or local Propane refillers.

Fireworks

Fireworks lead to thousands of injuries requiring emergency room treatment each year. These dazzling but dangerous devices can burn up to 1200 degrees Fahrenheit and cause burns, amputations and even blindness. **STAY SAFE BY LEAVING FIREWORKS TO PROFESSIONALS.**



Barbecue Safety.

- Keep your barbecue grill clean and free of grease buildup.
- Never start a grill with the lid closed
- Keep flammable liquids away from your barbecue
- Never leave a grill unattended. Keep away from pets and children.
- When using charcoal, only use charcoal starting fluid designed for barbecues and **NEVER** add fluid after coals have been lit.



For more information about OPD devices or any other fire safety issue, go to [www.nfpa.org] or contact the Fire Prevention office at ext. 2086/6351.

HAVE A FIRE SAFE SUMMER!

Been there, done that. The 914th at War in Southwest Asia

Hall of Fame New York Yankee Yogi Berra once stated "That's déjà vu all over again." Members of the 914th Airlift Wing, in the midst of a return visit to the Persian Gulf, know just what he means.

The last time aircraft from the 914th flew over the sands of Southwest Asia, Operation Desert Shield/Storm was underway. Twelve years later the 914th is back in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, making the unit from Niagara Falls ARS, NY the only AFRC C-130 unit mobilized and deployed to the Persian Gulf during both ODS and OIF.

When planes and personnel landed in the sand this time around they were greeted with... NOTHING, literally this was a bare base. Personnel from the 914th and several Air National Guard units rolled up their sleeves and got to work. "A lot of the veterans who have been here before knew what to expect and took the initiative to set up the camp and make it all happen, both on the ground and in the air," said CMSgt. Gerry Leo. Within days "Tent City" took form all the while airlift operations continued at a frenzied pace. When asked to compare conditions then (ODS) and now, Maj. David Brown said, "This was a lot more difficult condition. We were dealing with sandstorms. It was more of a bare bones, austere environment. For the first few weeks, we were eating only MREs, and every building was a tent."

Lt. Col. Walter Gordon, 328th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron Commander from Niagara, had high praise for his maintainers and stated, "Operationally the things Ops and Maintenance have done here are nothing short of spectacular and should be a "blueprint" for future operations. My yardstick for maintenance is how many

aircraft they give Ops to fly each day out of the total number on station. We have six Niagara aircraft here. Three fliers out of six aircraft would be okay. Four would be good, and five would be outstanding. Most days they give us six out of six. That's off the scale!"

To highlight just what the maintenance crews had to deal with on a daily basis SrA Eric Moseman stated, "In a good sandstorm, you could watch the planes degrade right in front of your eyes. It's like sandpaper flying through the air. It gets into the electronics and just creates havoc. It's like talcum powder, and just gets into everything."

From a flying standpoint, Niagara crews flew missions that eighteen months ago were only flown by AFSOC (Air Force Special Operations Command). Eighteen and twenty hour missions to capture Iraqi airfields with anti-aircraft threats still in the area. Landing and ground operations using night vision goggles in places that were completely dark to the naked eye. Missions flying special forces troops in and wounded troops out. "Nobody delivers the goods like Niagara," said Gordon.

The 914th was even involved in the Special Ops rescue of POW Jessica Lynch.

Although some personnel from Niagara have since returned to home station, operations and maintenance crews have redeployed to another location in the AOR to continue airlifting much needed food, medical supplies and services to the region.



The traditional squadron patch makes its mark on Saddam's portrait in Kuwait City circa 1991.



Twelve years later 914th members proudly hold up old glory in front of a Saddam portrait somewhere in Iraq.



Local student places second in AAFES sponsored contest

Matthew Nappo, a 7th grade student at St. Martin's, recently won 2nd Place in the AAFES sponsored contest "You Made the Grade". Students had to maintain grades of all A's and B's to qualify for the contest, and winners were selected at random from the eligible participants. Matthew, accompanied by his father Matt Sr., was presented with \$3000 in savings bonds for his scholastic achievements from Niagara Falls Exchange Branch Manager, Kim Hoyt.

Photo By: SrA Merydthe Putnam

What's New in Services?

By: Mr. Jerry Slipko

914th Services Marketing Director

We would like to thank everyone who participated in "Maymentum", the AFRC Services May Fitness Month promotion at the Base Fitness Center. From outdoor aerobics and walks to body fat testing, we had many events for the Fitness Center patrons. Hopefully, you were lucky enough to win one of our many prizes.

Are you going on vacation? If so, many of the national amusement parks are saluting the U.S. Military with many free ticket promotions. From now until 19 Dec 03, Disney and Universal Theme Parks are both offering free admissions to their parks. Also, Anheuser Busch's theme

parks: Sea World, Busch Gardens, and Sesame Place are providing a single day free admission ticket. You must purchase these tickets at the amusement parks' ticket windows as well as provide a copy of your active duty orders from this year. In addition, there are special ticket prices for family members. If you are interested in attending one of the Anheuser Busch's theme parks, you can pick up the free ticket form from the Services IT&T office. For more information about any of these promotions, you can check out any of the amusement parks' websites or call the Services IT&T office at 236-3367.

Along with the above promotions, U.S. Airways is offering special airline ticket rates as low as \$79.00 each way based upon a roundtrip purchase. These rates are available to anyone who served on active duty. To purchase these tickets, you must purchase them through any IT&T office that offers leisure travel SATO service.

For more information, please call the Robins AFB IT&T office at (478) 926-2945.

Just a reminder, you can obtain local discount tickets for any local attractions through the Services IT&T office. Please stop by the office, located upstairs in the Dining Hall to find out what we have to offer.

To kick off the summer at the Falcon Club, they will be having Sizzling Saturday Parties on the patio in June. There will be food and drink specials. Also, we are now offering a lunch buffet on Tuesdays. Menus for the Tuesday and Thursday buffets will be emailed to you.

If you have not picked up the first edition of the 914th Services STAR publication, you should today. You will find out the latest in Services news as well as discount coupons. They are available at any Services facility.

To those troops that are home from Operation Iraqi Freedom, welcome home!

Frontiersmen ride first class

By: MSgt. Tom Allocco

439th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The following article is reprinted from the Patriot Express, Westover ARB, Mass.

Thirteen Frontiersmen maintainers from the 914th Airlift Wing, Niagara Falls, N.Y. got more than a first class welcome when they arrived here at Westover ARB from overseas recently. The Iraqi Freedom veterans also got a first class ride home. Their wing commander, Col. Wade Farris, flew here in a Niagara Falls C-130 to fly them home on the last leg of their long flight from Southwest Asia.

The Niagara Falls maintainers had been at a bare base in the Iraqi Freedom AOR since March operating six of their C-130s Hercules. Among those here to welcome them home were Niagara Falls Services members who have been helping the Patriot Wing since the start of the surge.

For several of those coming home from the Iraqi Freedom AOR, the Westover Welcome was the second time they had

walked across a red carpet laid out by the Patriot Wing.

MSgt. Bill Bulleigh and TSgt. John Gallaway came home from Desert Storm almost exactly 12 years earlier by way of the long red carpet in the Base Hangar. Some of the same USO volunteers who greeted the Niagara Falls maintainers in 1991 were in the Passenger Terminal for the 2003 replay, including Marilyn Spofford and Margaret Cote.

For Gallaway, an aerospace ground equipment specialist, the Westover welcome was déjà vu. In both 1991 and 2003 he was caught off-guard by the red carpet treatment. "We weren't expecting the hugs, flags and grilled hamburgers and hot dogs when we got here. It was great seeing another red carpet," he said.

The USO volunteers, music and red carpet were reminiscent of the Desert Storm welcome, Gallaway said. "That was fantastic," he said of 1991. "The people who showed up, especially the Vietnam vets. It was really touching."

"We weren't expecting this at all," said Bulleigh, a plans and scheduling specialist. For those who experienced the pomp of the Desert Storm welcome home, it is something they will never forget. The Passenger Terminal may be

smaller than the Base Hangar of Desert Storm days, but the "the flags and hugs were a nice treat," he said.

The hamburgers and hot dogs were a special treat for troops who had been eating MREs in recent days. They came here from a desert base that closed its dining hall more than a week before they departed as part of the base closing process.

"It was a pretty bare base when we arrived," Gallaway said. There was no chow hall. We ate MREs for the first week or two. Then they served one hot meal a day, then two hot meals," he said.

When they arrived in March the temperature was already in the 80s and continued to climb until they left. Entertainment was a TV tent, a volleyball net and "dumbbells" fashioned out of sandbags.

The recreational highpoint of their time in the desert air base was when Kentucky AirGuard members bought 800 pizzas to help everybody celebrate Derby Day.

The air base accommodated C-130 Hercules and F-15 Eagle.

Heritage Highlights Focus: Guam

Guam is the western-most United States territory, located approximately 3,300 miles west of Hawaii, in the northern Pacific. It is approximately 30 miles long and 4 to 9 miles wide, with a population of nearly 150,000.

The original inhabitants of Guam, the ancient Chamorro, are widely believed to have been of Indo-Malaya descent with linguistic and cultural similarities to Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines.

The west's first contact with Guam came in March 1521, when Ferdinand Magellan anchored a fleet of 3 ships at Umatac Bar. Claimed by the Spanish Crown, Guam was a Spanish territory until 1899, when it was ceded to the U.S. (which afterward paid Spain \$20 million for it) after the Spanish-American War.

Guam briefly became a Japanese territory during World War II after surrendering in December, 1941. American forces landed in Guam on July 21, 1944 and reclaimed it after a fierce battle that claimed the lives of 7000 U.S. and 11,000 Japanese troops. In 1949, President Truman signed the Organic Act officially making Guam an American territory, which gave Guamanians American citizenship and a civilian government.

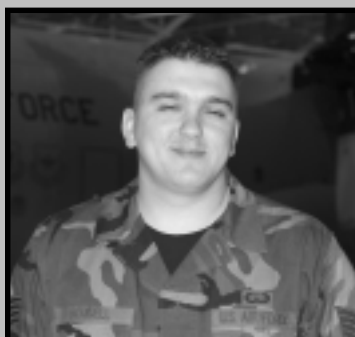
In 1962, President Kennedy lifted the Naval Clearing Act which opened Guam's ports to domestic and foreign visitors. In 1975 more than 100,000 evacuees from the fall of Vietnam were repatriated via Guam. In 1996, 6,600 Kurdish refugees who feared retaliation by Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein were housed on Guam.

Many patriotic inhabitants of Guam, during the WWII occupation, were tortured and beheaded while protecting U.S. soldiers from capture and execution. During each major war — WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf War, Guam endured the most military casualties of native sons per capita in the U.S.

Man on the street

by MSgt. Joseph Cyran

The following was asked of unit members during the May UTA: **"If you could deploy anywhere in the world where would it be?"**



SSgt. Travis Deubell, 914 MXS

"Italy. I was always interested in the culture. I've been told that the food is great and the countryside is beautiful."



SrA Adam Stone, 30 APS

"Hawaii. A basic training friend of mine lives there and it would give me the chance to visit him and learn to surf."



TSgt. Gary Beaty, 914 SFS

"Iraq. I've been activated close to two years for Homeland Security at the NFARS. I would like to broaden my horizons and experiences. To travel overseas and place my training to another test and to do my part helping out there."



SrA Phillip Lombardo, 914 ASTS

"Italy. I've been to Sicily, next I want to explore the mainland and discover the history and explore my Italian heritage. The food is great and is one of the few places Americans can visit and feel safe."

Customer Service News

BUNDLES FOR BABIES

The Family Support Center is now offering a new program for expectant parents. The Bundles For Babies program provides general information for parents on subjects pertinent to helping them adjust to the rigors of parenthood. Subjects include physical changes during pregnancy, baby's first year, parenting programs, and much more. Upon completion, mothers will receive a bundle of baby items and a very nice Baby's First Year book. All valued at over \$90.00. This Air Force Aid Society sponsored program is open to all ranks of military members. Please call the Family Support Center at 236-2097 for more information.

FAMILY SERVICE MEMBER GROUP LIFE INSURANCE (FMSGI): Members updating DEERS as a result of marriage or divorce must accomplish the FMSGI. It is the members' responsibility to update DEERS as a result of divorce and it is their responsibility to cancel FMSGI coverage on their spouse. Additionally, members updating DEERS as a result of marriage will be charged FMSGI coverage effective from the date of their marriage, NOT when they enter their spouse into the system. Members must decline the FMSGI if they do not want coverage on their spouse.

VIRTUAL RECORD OF EMERGENCY DATA (vRED): With the release of the vRED application in the Virtual MPF, members must get a User ID and password for the Virtual MPF and accomplish the vRED as soon as possible. The MPF Customer Service Section has a step-by-step guide to help members with this task.

COMMON ACCESS CARD (CAC): It is mandatory for all military members and civilian employees to have the CAC no later than 1 Oct 03. If members have not yet been issued the CAC, please come to the MPF Customer Service Section during normal business hours to get the new card issued. Please have a 6 to 8 digit number ready enter as a personalized PIN.

POC is the MPF Customer Service Section, 236-2197

May was Armed Forces Fitness Month

By: MSgt. Joseph Cyran
914th Public Affairs

NFARS recreation director Mike Williams and service members kicked off Fitness Month with a 1.5-mile walk/ run around the base. Other activities included Deanna Schneider from Niagara University who led the aerobics class at the base gym during the May UTA.

Fitness Month activities were broken up into three separate weeks. Beginning with Wellness Week, which offered participants blood pressure and body fat testing, followed by a five-minute aerobic fitness evaluation on the treadmill. Afterward, each test result and written information were offered to those tested. The second week included aerobic, cardio-kick aerobic, step aerobic, and pilates class during the base lunch hour. National Employee Health and Fitness Day concluded week three which included co-ed volleyball and aikido classes at the base gym.

Fitness month concluded with a 15 mile bicycle tour. Fort Niagara State Park served as the starting point and travel along mostly flat terrain where riders were able to enjoy the Lake Ontario and Canadian shorelines. A comfort station with rest rooms and refreshments were provided at the 10 mile point for riders. Upon completion riders

enjoyed each other's company, shared stories from the ride, then sat down to enjoy a barbecue provided by services.

According to Mike Williams "Each time a participant completed an event, a card was stamped allowing that person a chance to be randomly selected to win the grand prize, courtesy of the Fitness Club, Falcon Club, Snack Bar, and ITT Tickets. Participants who completed more than one even stood a greater chance to be selected for the grand prize.



All activities and events were enjoyed by military and civilian members along with their families and members of the WNY military community which included retirees from many of the Armed Forces Branches.



Photo By: TSgt. Kevin Nichols

High school seniors from Niagara County watch as Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station rescue personnel along with local fire rescue/mutual aid units participate in a simulated accident at the Traffic Safety Program held annually here at the base. Students from area high schools are presented a program designed to teach them that distraction-free driving saves lives, and shows them the consequences of not wearing seatbelts or combining drugs and alcohol use with driving. This program has hosted almost 15,000 high school seniors on base since its inception.

Niagara Frontiersman



Photo By: MSgt. Peter Borys

The Niagara Frontiersman is printed for unit members like Gerry Hromowyk, 914th Environmental Engineering. Hromowyk was recently presented with the General Thomas D. White Restoration Award for Individual Excellence. His installation restoration program was deemed best in AFRC for fiscal year 2001. Wing Commander Colonel Wade Farris presented the award.

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